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**GANNON'S HARDWARE STORE TO CLOSE** - The hardware store out on 1099 By-Pass is set to close on September 28 after almost forty years of doing business in Hickman. (Photo submitted.)

## Gannon's to close after almost 40 years doing business in Hickman

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

Jack and Helen Gannon purchased Western Auto from Loyd and Margie Call in 1976, changing the name of the hardware store to Gannon's True Value then later to Gannon's Hardware as suppliers changed. Relocating to Hickman from Mayfield, the Gannons put down roots in this small river town that would last several decades, while operating the hardware store and raising a family. Jack and Helen retired previously turning the operation over to Wiley Gannon (one of their children) and his wife Molly who moved the store from its building downtown to its current

location out on the 1099 ByPass. After about six years however, they decided retirement did not suit them so they returned to the business and continued to run the hardware store and give back to their community at the same time. Now after almost 40 years of owning and operating the successful business, the Gannons have decided it is time to close the store. The store will be closing on September 28. The Gannons thanked everyone for the many years of support from the community in a thank you on page 10 in this week's Courier. They also expressed sadness in the decision to close the store at this time.

As news of the store closing began to circulate around town many of the Hickman businesses, who depend on the hardware store, began stocking their shelves with the items they need on a day-to-day basis. The closing of the store will not only

be an end to an era, but also the end to the convenience that everyone in Hickman has grown to expect.

Letters went out to Gannon's customers telling about the closing, offering a discount on some items, prompting everyone to make their last purchases at the store that has a little bit of everything in it.

"The closing of Gannon's Hardware is going to have a devastating effect on the City of Hickman," stated Hickman City Manager Larry Myatt. "Quite often we were there several times a day to purchase supplies to make repairs to our gas, water, and sewer lines. Supplies for street maintenance and cemetery maintenance could be bought there."

"We are now going to have to change the way we do business," continued Myatt.

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**STILL HERE** - Roper Pecan Co., and now Kentucky Nut, are important pieces of this river town's history and is still in operation and thriving. Lots of memories were made in this building. The photo shows the Kentucky Kernel sign on the side, as it was in 1950, and is in the process of being repainted now. (Photo submitted.)

## Roper Pecan and Kentucky Nut important pieces of Hickman history for many reasons

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If you ask around you will find out that many people from Hickman and the surrounding area may have, at one time or another, worked at Roper Pecan Co., now known as Kentucky Nut Corporation. Some of the former employees have passed on, but many still remain like Betty Reeves, Betty Hill, Dorothy Cooley, Lucille Thomas, and Dolly Wilkerson, to name a few. Many probably have lots of great stories to tell about their time spent packaging and processing the small wild pecans.

At one time, Roper Pecan Co., formed in 1940 by three brothers, including Ernest Fields, along with B.P. Black

(who ran a Hickman insurance business), and Robert Phesus (a Dyersburg, Tenn., cotton gin owner) and Joe Roper, employed more than 100 people at the Moscow Avenue location where Kentucky Nut is still up and running today. Karen and Tim Langford, who purchased shares from Jim and Susan Major in 1995, are continuing the tradition of providing high quality, great tasting pecans. They joined Rosie Forsythe and Mary Lisa Stewart, the other two shareholders.

Over the last couple of weeks Karen, along with Sarah Choate doing most of the detailed work on the sign, have been busy repainting the Kentucky Kernel sign on the side of the building, which is very visible for all to

see as they travel down Moscow Avenue to their intended destination. Tim Langford, Jason Rice and Lawrence Cheirs have been painting the building a vibrant yellow. While they paint, passersby have taken time to stop and comment saying it looks good.

Others, some former employees of the company, either as Roper Pecan or Kentucky Nut, stop by to reminisce a bit about the fond "pecan house," where they once worked for Christmas cash or to help make ends meet.

Here is a bit of history as told by others to Karen Langford, from many who made it through tough times by cracking pecans

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## Attending kindergarten with the same teacher is a family tradition

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

Kindergarten has evolved from a half day, purely voluntary attendance, to a full day program since its inception. At one time it was meant to integrate five year olds into the social aspect of school, while giving them the basics of a structured learning environment. Now, kindergarteners learn so much more.

Nelda Morgan, who has been a kindergarten teacher since 1976, remembers all the changes that have been added to a day in the life of a kindergartner.

One of her first kindergarten students, in a class of 14, was Mindy (Amanda) (Alexander) Major, who attended elementary school at Cayce. "There were 12 girls and only two boys," she says as she and Mindy studied and reminisced Mindy's class picture from the 1976-1977 school year.

"At that time, we were more about socialization," remembers Morgan. "The girls were more worried about who had on what. We weren't expected to

teach them to read. We focused on preparing them for school beyond kindergarten."

When Mindy was in Mrs. Morgan's class, she attended either the morning session or the afternoon session. "We didn't go all day," she said. Those who attended in the morning rode the bus to school, but they had to find transportation home at 11 a.m. Those who attended in the afternoon were dropped off by family members but could ride the bus home at the end of the day.

"I do remember a lot of things about kindergarten," said Mindy, looking back. "I remember singing songs and playing in the kitchen."

"Some of the furniture and toys Mrs. Morgan has now are the same ones I remember playing with when I was in her class," added Mindy. "I also remember sitting on the carpet as we learned sounds of letters with the 'letter people.'"

Following in Mindy's foot

See KINDERGARTEN, page 10



**FARM DEMONSTRATION DAY** - Farm demonstration day was held on Friday, Aug. 24 at Garrigan Farms. Fulton County, Fulton City and Hickman County juniors all enjoyed a day out on the farm. The event was sponsored by UK Extension Service, Fulton Co. Soil Conservation Service, Fulton Co. Farm Bureau and Fulton Co. Young Farmers. Participants and presenters included Tyson, Tosh Farms, River Valley Ag Credit, and UK Extension Service. Operating a piece of farm equipment are (l to r) Thomas Price, Julia Cox, Jessica Mathews, and Ed Readenour. (Photo submitted.)

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### Local Weather

Thu 93/66 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

Fri 88/65 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Sat 76/58 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Sun 80/55 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.

Mon 82/57 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

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## Dredging delay affects riverport's bottomline

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

"It has been a tough month for sure," stated Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority Director Greg Curnin during the August board meeting last week. "Everyone knows that we were shut down for the entire month of July. Our last barges loaded were in the middle of June."

"I felt really good about the physical dredging" stated Curnin. "The permit calls for 250 feet from the center, which they did. They also pulled out about 13 feet of material in the mouth of the harbor to get to nine foot below the reference plain."

With the assistance of Army Corps of Engineer employees Wade Channel, Danny Hunt and Marco Goodman updated Curnin on the dredge's progress, bringing to the Port's attention the need to have dredging

work at the Port's dock. "Even with the dredging that was performed, we would still be shutdown if the extra dredging wasn't performed," he said. "Between the Corps, the PADD office, and Delta Regional Authority we received a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to do the additional dredging we needed. The Weeks Marine dredge also did extra dredging for the Coast Guard and Bunge."

Curnin testified before the Mississippi River Commission during the Low Water inspection on August 20, reminding everyone the importance of dredging the harbor every year. "We went three years without dredging and look what happened," Curnin said, "We were shut down for two and a half months. We lost barges that we can't get back."

The low water level, which

fell to 7.2 feet on the Cairo Gauge on August 28 and even lower on the Hickman Gauge (.06 on Aug. 29). This forced the Corps of Engineers to limit the loads on barges to nine foot drafts. They usually load barges at 12 to 13 drafts, resulting in additional shipping costs for suppliers.

Realizing the need for keeping the Elvis J. Stahr harbor in pristine condition for all businesses that rely on it, Curnin is looking for solutions.

"Who is responsible for this harbor?" he asked. Curnin is currently researching information on the harbor and working with Hickman Mayor David Lattus, who is also a member of the board, to locate documentation on the history of the development of the harbor.

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**SHARING THE SAME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER** - Mindy (Alexander) Major (far left) is shown with her children Dixie, Jackson, and Daisy, and Kindergarten teacher Nelda Morgan. Morgan has had all of them, and two of Mindy's sisters, in her kindergarten class. Mindy was in her class in 1976. (Photo submitted.)

## THE HICKMAN COURIER

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## Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago

November 12, 1987

Obituaries: Esther Mae Ferguson, 80; and Estelle Baker, 68.

Melanie Foley was crowned "Miss Fulton County High School 1988". Kristen Roberts was chosen as first alternate and Rachel Hammock was second alternate. Others comprising the seven finalists were Carey Graham, Cindy Harris, Stacy Rash and Allison Wilkerson. Miss Congeniality was awarded to Carey Graham.

A Student Advisory Council has been selected at Fulton County High School for the 1987-88 school year. Members of SAC include Andrea Mayberry, Stephanie Eakes, Melanie Foley, Renea Dickerson, Jeff Eakes, Patrice Tucker, Ron Mangold, Nancy Barber and Stacy Rash.

The Hickman City Commission voted to turn over the Section 8 housing contract to the Hickman Housing Authority at the Monday night meeting.

LeAnne Major of Hickman is serving as a senator of The University of Mississippi Associated Student Body.

50 Years Ago

January 10, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris have named Greater Hickman Area's first baby of 1963 - Miss Marcia Ann Harris. She was born January 1, at 7:55 a.m. at Obion County Hospital.

The annual radio auction for the polio drive will be held the week of January 21, according to Mrs. Marian White, chairman.

The Fulton County Courthouse is falling down! A mass of bricks, which fell from an area around the clock, is located at the north door. The area has been roped off.

The State Highway Department has been busy reinforcing the hill across from the home of Mrs. Sude Naifeh on Carroll Street this week. A pile driver is being used to drive piling into the earth to hold the dirt from sliding down the hill.

75 Years Ago

January 7, 1938

The steps up the bluff from West Hickman on Catlett Street are to be rebuilt at once by NYA labor, according the Mayor C.P. Mabry. The government will furnish one-third of the materials and the city will furnish the rest.

According to reports too late to get in the last issue of The Courier, the site chosen for the new Post Office Building is the lots belonging to the Woodmen of the World, at the corner of Cumberland and Jackson Streets, and the adjoining lot east of it belonging to the Hickman Hardware Co.

Again Carroll Street is being patched over in the block known as the famous "Carroll Street Slide." It has been closed for several weeks, for excavation, new sewer lines and fill, but now it seems that there is a possibility that it may be open for traffic soon.

In reviewing the Woman's Club plan of beautification for 1937, Miss Homer Green listed the following accomplishments: the planting of 200 Amoor privet hedge plants, between 500 and 600 blooming plants and two japonicas in Railroad Park; 40 Lombardy poplar trees along the cemetery drive; 12 flowering peach shrubs on the bluff at the rear of the library and one pine tree on the Troy Avenue Boulevard.

125 Years Ago

January 14, 1888

Capt. Smith S. Leech of Memphis, made a business trip to Hickman last week.

The annual stockholder's meeting of the Bank of Hickman occurred Monday, and resulted in the election of the following Board of Directors: H. Buchanan, C. Baltzer, W.C. Johnson, John W. Cowgill, J.W. Alexander, J.M. Reid, and R.M. Alexander. The same bank officers were continued: H. Buchanan, president; R.L. Alexander, cashier; and W.C. Johnson, asst. cashier.



**FIRST DAY OF CLASS** - Students at the University of Tennessee at Martin began fall semester classes on Aug. 27. Caitlin Bracey (left) of Cayce, Ky., and Chelsea Anderson of Union City, Tenn., were in the quad on their way to class on the first day.



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## Pecans

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at home and selling them to the business owners by the pound.

"Dot Trusty Argo told me about taking home cracked pecans in a burlap bag that had been hand cracked under a porch of the Fields' house on Magnolia. The family would sit around the kitchen table and pick out the nut meats by hand and take them to be paid by the pound. She said that helped them eat during some lean years. This was the late 30s and Mr. Fields continued this practice from his grocery store on Moscow.

"Roper Pecan, as previously mentioned, was established in 1940 when Joe Roper was in his late 70s. Being the eldest partner, the business was named Roper Pecan in his honor. He lived only about a year after the business was begun, but it continued to bear his name.

"The business grew and thrived. State of the art shelling, grading and packaging equipment was installed and for a time, Roper Pecan was the largest sheller of pecans east of the Mississippi. More than 100 people were employed and they operated two shifts during the busy fall season.

"In the 1950s Mr. Robert Phebus' son, King Phebus, graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. His intention was to go in to the oil industry, utilizing his marketing degree. The elder Mr. Phebus asked his son to come up to Hickman to work at Roper Pecan for three months and he ended up staying. His job was to purchase pecans by the 40,000 pound truck load. He traveled up and down the Mississippi River area buying wild seedling pecans. The small, wild seedling pecan was the main stay of the business because of its superior flavor due to its high oil content.

Customers, at the time, included Fischer Nut Co., Russell Stover Candies, Rebecca Ruth Candies, Hershey Ice Cream, Kroger Company, Keebler Company, Malone & Hyde, Safeway and hundred of others.

"The signature product, Munchin' Pecans, was first produced at Roper Pecan when a major ice cream company stopped roasting their own pecans. They told Roper Pecan if they wanted them as a customer Roper Pecan would have to get into the roasting business. The president of the ice cream company came to Hickman and taught the employees how to roast pecans. Mr. Phebus said that they were "too darn good" to just sell them in bulk quantities so they began to package as 'Munchin' Pecans.'

"In 1973 the Tracy-Luckey Company from Harlem, Ga., became a shareholder in Roper Pecan. This brought in change of management but King Phebus continued to direct the business. Edgar Ferrell was plant manager at this time and Rosie Forsythe worked in the office, conducting yield samples and managing the retail sales office. In 1977 Roper Pecan processed 2.6 million pounds of pecans. A crew of about 50 employees worked 20 hours a day for eight months to meet the demand and processed about 40,000 pounds of pecans a day.

"In 1979 King Phebus sold his shares and left Roper Pecan.

"In 1980 Tracy-Luckey informed the employees at Roper Pecan that they would begin to phase out the pecan processing plant in Hickman and would move all the equipment to their Harlem, Ga., plant. By the spring of 1982 the phase out was complete and everything had been taken to Georgia, including the customer list.

"On November 10, 1982 King Phebus, Ferrell, and Forsythe reopened as Kentucky Nut Corporation. The early years were lean as they built the business from the ground up. Using their combined years of experience and contacts in the industry they successfully gave birth to Kentucky Nut and continued the long history of pecan production in Hickman. Early major purchases included the vacuum canner, cracking machines and roasting equipment. Early minutes show that in 1984 16,000 pounds of pecans were handled by the fledgling company. In 1988 Kentucky Nut successfully purchased the well recognized Kentucky Kernel trademark from Tracy-Luckey.

"In 1991 Mr. Edgar Ferrell sold his shares in the company to Jim and Susan Major. During the next four years they helped to expand the product line to include chocolate coated nuts, jameis, jellies and popping corn. There were also several plant improvements made under their supervision.

"1995 was the year the Langfords joined the operation

and upon the death of Mr. King Phebus on May 1, 2003, Karen assumed many of the plant manager duties. Ann Freeman has worked with the company since the late 1990s and now serves as office manager.

"In recent years the product line has grown to include decorative tins and gift baskets. Internet sales have provided a new avenue of visibility."

**Editor's Note:** Kentucky Nut Corporation is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also visit their website at [www.kykernelpecans.com](http://www.kykernelpecans.com) or by phone at 270-236-2662.

Anyone wishing to share their story about Roper Pecan or Kentucky Nut please contact the Courier office at 270-236-3412.



**MILITARY HERO** - Colonel James Harding, the 24th most decorated soldier in military history, will be the guest speaker at the Hickman Pecan Festival "Salute to Soldiers and Veterans". The event will take place on Monday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. Col. Harding will speak at the Hickman Veterans Monument and everyone is encouraged to attend this special program.

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**KING PHEBUS** - This photo ran in the Paducah Sun on Sept. 30, 1990 when they did a feature on Kentucky Nut. Phebus worked at both the Roper Pecan Co. and Kentucky Nut. He passed away on May 1, 2003.

*The 8th of August Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the 8th of August celebration activities and the community for their support.*

*Congratulations to Ms. Passion Wilson, who received the 8th of August Education Award.*

*A special thanks to New Bryan's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, pastor and members, the Hickman Courier staff, E.W. James Supermarket staff, Fulton Co. Board of Education, Mrs. Jackson and Fulton Co. Elementary staff, and Hickman City Chief of Police and staff.*

*Thanks to each chairperson of activities, job well done. We thank our community for other activities during the celebration.*

**Thank you, The 8th of August Committee**

*Remember we can be a strong community if we are united. God's love is the same for everyone, no matter who we are or who we think we are. I do not believe we will be segregated in heaven. MRC*

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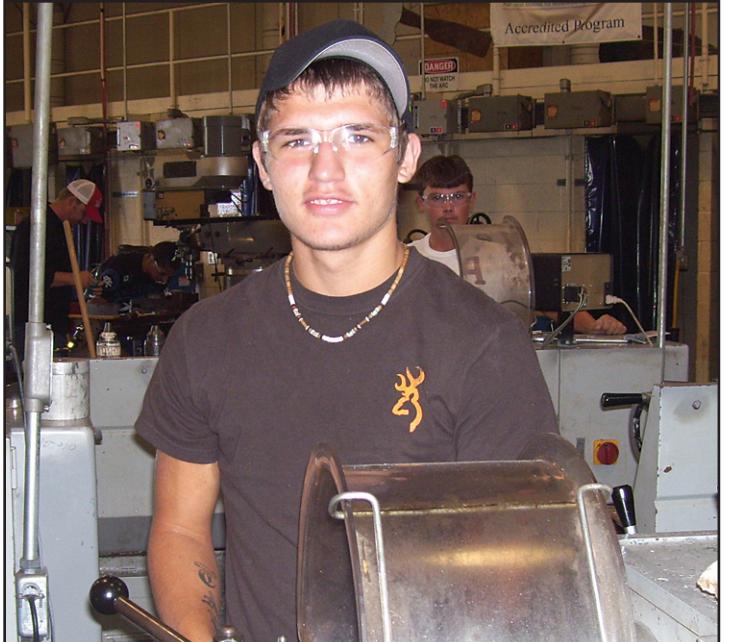
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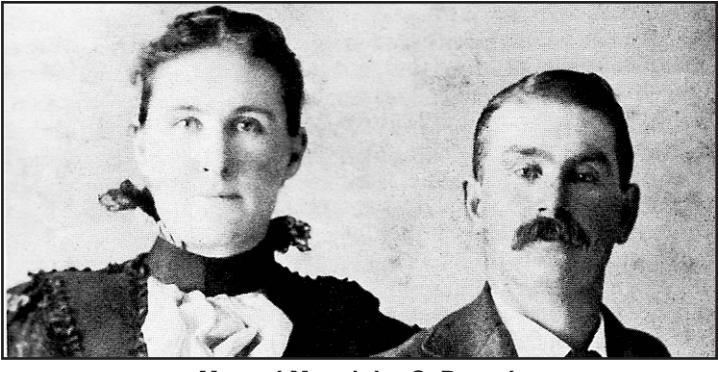
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### Browder family has a long history here

John C. Browder was born 10-10-1860 and died 6-18-1944. He married Louella Milner, 1-2-1884. She was born 10-21-1860 – daughter of John Merritt Milner, born 10-6-1816, and Mary Eliza Turner, born 6-1-1825, and died 1892. They married 4-12-1849. They

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*Photo by Cindy Veach, Murray, KY*

In addition to Carroll and Wilda Hubbard, pictured are his two daughters, two sons-in-law and five grandchildren. At right - Kelly Hubbard Estes and husband Tim Estes; Ashley Estes, age 13; Justin Estes, age 11 and Amber Estes, age one. At left - Krista Hubbard Britton and husband Chris Britton; Kendall Britton, age 5 and Grady Britton, age one.

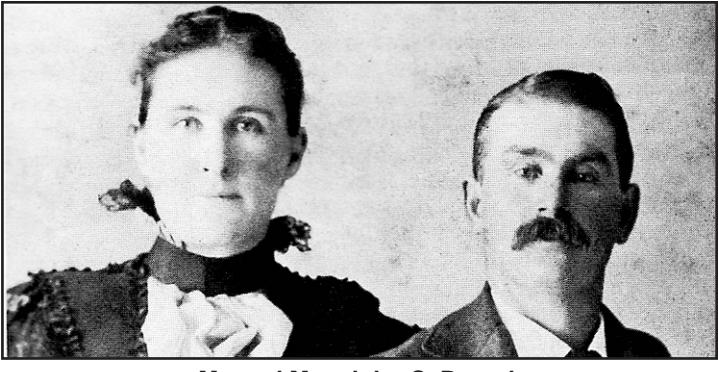
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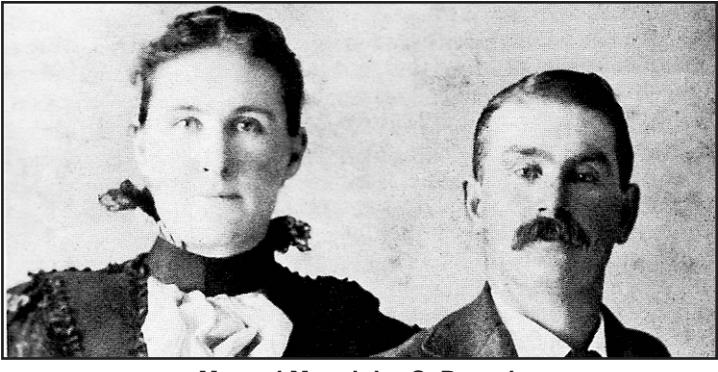
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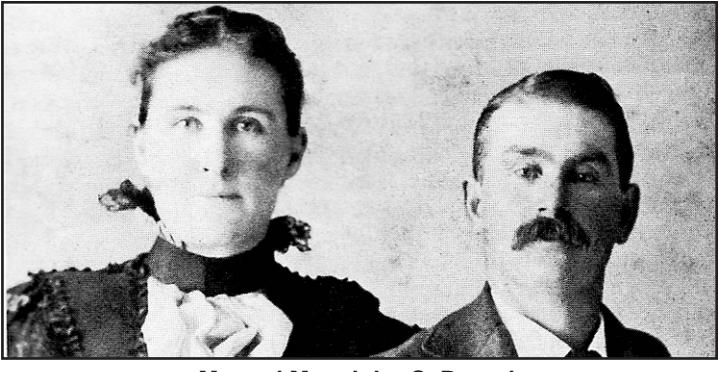
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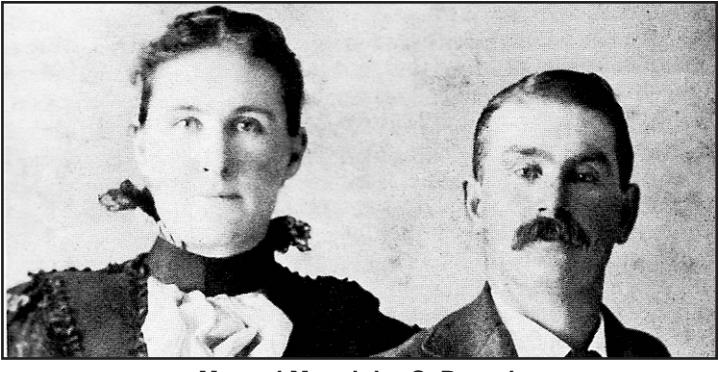
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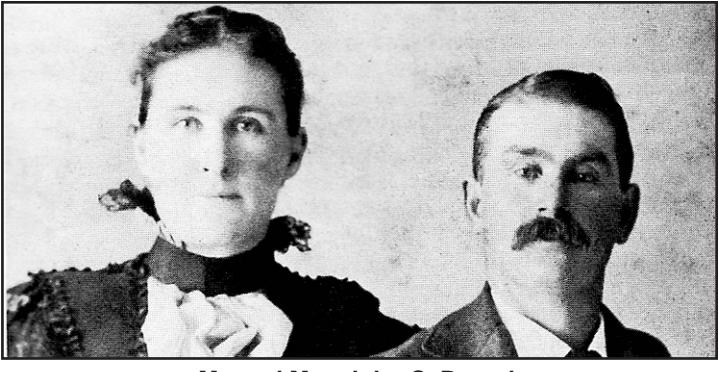
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## RECIPE COURTRY CAKES

# Courier Crumbs

Our Hickman Courier readers and Facebook friends are starting a new weekly column in the paper called the "Courier Crumbs". Each week we will share three or four old or new recipes for you to try. Please specify if they are old or new and who they are from and send to hickmancourier@bellsouth.net or our Facebook page.

### Stuffed Red Bliss Potatoes

submitted by Rhonda Ferguson

These garlicky potatoes make a tasty side dish that go great with meat.

#### Ingredients:

10 oz (8 small) red bliss potatoes, about 2" diameter  
1 tbsp light Mayonnaise  
2 tbsp fat free sour cream  
4 tbsp olive oil  
6 cloves garlic  
2 tbsp fresh thyme (or rosemary)  
3 tbsp grated Parmesan or Asagio cheese  
paprika

#### Directions:

In a medium pot, cover potatoes in water and add 1 tsp of salt. Bring to a boil and cook until soft (about 12 minutes). Drain and run under cool water. Set aside.

While the potatoes cook, in a small pan, add oil and garlic and cook on very low heat, about 12 minutes, till soft. Remove garlic and discard oil. Mash garlic.

In a medium bowl combine garlic, thyme, cheese, mayonnaise, sour cream, salt and pepper. Mix well.

Preheat oven to 350°. Using a teaspoon, scoop out potato leaving 1/4 inch shell. Mix the potato with the other ingredients and fill potato shells. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake in the oven for 20 minutes.

### Macaroni and Cheese Hamburger Casserole

by Robin Stacks

1-3 lbs. Hamburger  
1 large onion, chopped  
or mushroom soup  
1 large green pepper, chopped

Cook macaroni and cheese as it says on the box. Brown hamburger meat, drain.

Add macaroni and cheese that you made, hamburger meat, chopped onion, green peppers and soup. Mix well. Spray Pam in a casserole dish. Pour in the sprayed casserole pan and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

### Brown Sugar Chews

submitted by Barbara Atwill

1 stick oleo  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup all purpose flour  
powder

1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon baking

Melt oleo, add to sugar - then add eggs, sifted flour, baking powder, vanilla and nuts.

Put into greased square pan or brownie pan.

Bake 25-30 minutes at 300°.

Cut into squares while warm and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Double recipe for 9x13 pan.  
Bake 25 minutes.

## Tough outing for Lady Pilots against strong Lady Bulldog team

Charlotte Smith

**Editor**

Execution and teamwork is key in the game of volleyball. On Tuesday, Aug. 28 the Lady Pilots Junior Varsity squad from Fulton County hosted the Lady Bulldogs from Fulton City. Each week the players in light blue show improvement with their serves and their ability to work together as a team. This was evident on Tuesday night, despite the loss in two sets (15-21, 18-21) for the young team.

In the first set the Lady Pilots stayed close, starting out tied at two all. Good serves by Carly McNeill pulled the Lady Pilots within in one point, 6-7.

The Lady Bulldogs, who anticipated better than the Lady Pilots on a couple of plays, pulled out to a 10-12 lead, prompting a time out by Lady Pilot Head Coach Mat Dillon.

Hesitation on the Lady Pilots side of the net enabled the Lady Bulldogs to break it open, 13-18, late in the set. The Lady Bulldogs took the set 15-21.

In the second set, the Lady Bulldogs pulled out in front 7-12. Great serving by AnnaGregory Grissom pulled the Lady Pilots within two, prompting a Lady

Bulldog timeout.

After Grissom served well and the Lady Pilots were working well together, serves by Julia Cox earned the Lady Pilots the lead, 16-14 for the first time in the set. After losing the serve, the Lady Pilots won it back and Amy Langford delivered a nice serve and the Lady Pilots were back on top 18-17.

Two points later, the Lady Pilots found themselves down by one, with Coach Dillon calling time.

The Lady Bulldogs kept it together and won the set 18-21, claiming the match.

The Lady Pilot Varsity squad, coming off their victory over the Lady Cardinals knew they had their work cut out for them when they faced the Lady Bulldogs. Electing to play for the best three out of five, the Lady Pilots lost in straight sets, 7-25, 8-25, and 13-25.

The Lady Pilots were back in action on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at Reidland at 6 p.m. with both the Junior Varsity and Varsity scheduled to play. They will be back at home today, Thursday, Sept. 6 facing Union City at 6 p.m.

Charles Choate

**Courier Correspondent**

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The Pilots were not allowed to submit a team score in their match against Hickman County and Ballard Memorial, after member Madison Uzzle did not play.

But, the situation did not deter the play of West, who turned in the best nine-hole score of the day at the Oak Hill Country Club, in Clinton.

West posted a one-over-par 37, beating both Hickman County's Clayton Bradshaw and Ballard Memorial's Steven McGowan, who turned in 39's for the day.

Fulton County's Ryne Choate shot a 46 for the course, with teammate Jarett West chipping in a 54.

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## Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier By Bob Watkins



Only surprise in a South Carolina-Vanderbilt game summary last week was the margin, 17-13, Gamecocks.

In the minds of every savvy fan from Macon to Music City, an SEC big dog beating Vandy is as certain as the next storm surge of political spin.

Steve Spurrier's team, ranked No. 9 in America was favored by 6.5 on the road. You know the script. Coaches know it, and game officials know it too.

The door mat 'Dores were expected to be happy drawing a big crowd, playing Carolina within four, beating the spread, then shut up and move on.

Noble and endearing then, that Vandy coach James Franklin remains resolute. A man whorails about "changing the culture" of Commodore football. It fires up fans and alumni and attracts a teevee Saturday or two. But a script is still a script in the SEC. Kentucky fans know it, and know the sting Franklin and Commodore fans felt the other night. Wildcat coaches know how critical and close calls go. For UK and Vandy, they ain't coming this way without a fight.

In Nashville the other night, the Gamecocks had a 17-13 lead in the fourth quarter but Vandy was on the move. The crowd was up. Their 'Dores had a shot.

Critical play in the fourth quarter: Vandy receiver Jordan Mathews beat defender D.J. Swearinger downfield, running inside the Carolina 40 yard line, he reached for a pass from

quarterback Jordan Rodgers that was on-the-money, straight into Mathews' bread basket. Perfect. This was going to be a first down certainly and maybe a touchdown and ... a win over a ranked team for the first time since Johnny Cash came to Nashville.

One could hear Vandy fans, "Oh, baby! We've got a chance to beat the Ball Coach!"

The Mathews-Swearinger instant was frozen in time. We, and a gazillion teevee viewers, saw three men in this picture. Mathews reached for the football, Swearinger reached for Mathews' and whacked his left arm. The football skittered away. The official was in position. Easy call, interference, right?

Take your pick, or not.

Steve Spurrier's team ran out the clock, the coaches shook hands and everybody went home.

17-13. A final result fans at Vandy and Kentucky know well. Much as Franklin did last week, we have seen UK coaches rage on the sidelines for years, plead for a fair shake, while knowing they (and we) know the script.

In the real world: If you want to take a big ole bite out of an SEC big dog and your logo is Wildcat blue or Commodores black, you must do more, a lot more for a chance in the fourth



**GET UP BALL** - Fulton County's Javin West has his eyes on his golf ball, as it heads over a hill to the green. West turned in a big day at Oak Hill Country Club last week, posting the low score during a three school match at Clinton. (See additional photo on page 9.) (Photo by Charles Choate.)

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Memorial on Monday, Hickman County on Wednesday and traveling to Graves County on Thursday.

Oak Hill Country Club - Clinton

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Hickman County (185) - Clayton Bradshaw 39, Ben Wilson 45, Dylan Jewell 48, Steven Allen 53

Ballard Memorial (181) - Steven McGowan 39, T.J. Wray 46, Drew Meyers 47, Clay Arnel 49

**Fulton County High School 2012 Golf Schedule**  
Sept. 8 .... Region 1 All "A" Classic TBA  
Sept. 10. Ballard Mem/Hickman Co. .... 4:30  
Sept. 12. Reidland..... 4:30  
Sept. 13...Graves County..... 4:30  
Sept. 17...Carlisle County..... 4:30  
Sept. 20...CCA..... 4:30  
Sept. 24...Region 1 Girls Tryn..... TBA  
@ Murray Country Club  
Sept. 25...Region 1 Boys Tryn ..... TBA  
@ Paxton Park

quarter. Stay away from close calls and expect no divine deliverance.

This week, South Carolina begins a three-game home stand after which the Gamecocks travel to Kentucky. Spurrier's team will show up with a 4-0 record and top 10 ranking, and be heavily favored to dismiss good old Kentucky.

Hard truth is: Kentucky will have to play near-perfect 60 minutes, no turnovers and with no critical calls in the fourth quarter. Otherwise, you know, I know and game officials know, the script is already written.

**POLITICS MIRROR SPORTS?**

Mean ... nasty ... anything goes ... and the hell with fair play!

A sentence to sum up the political climate in America today? Yes, and in sports too.

• In an NFL exhibition game

last week a quarterback was swarmed on and buried under a ton-plus pile of defenders. Getting up from the play one beast pressed a forearm hard into the quarterback's throat. No official saw it, but we (and our kids) did. Bounty hunting aside, this is the NFL culture. Intimidate. Knock opponents out and/or out of the game.

Gamership? No. Just dirty, cheap, savage and dumb. Players found guilty should have to show the video clip to his children and explain.

• A Major League baseball game in Pittsburgh. Base runner sprints for home, catcher blocks the plate ... a train-wreck collision happens. Batting helmets explodes, two bodies tumble in the dirt. The catcher is escorted off with a possible concussion. Three innings later, the player who bowled him over is hit by a pitch intentionally.

Why? Baseball culture dictates a pitcher must retaliate

to "protect his catcher."

Gamership? No. Its silly, childish, stupid and dangerous. And hero-dazzled children are watching.

• An internet college basketball website to rival National Inquirer magazine for bad stories, sophomoric 'experts' and bad writing. These ideas and headlines:

✓ The 25 Sketchiest Programs in College Hoops History. (first photo: John Calipari).

✓ Ugly Truth About Every Top 25 Team. Listed at No. 3, Kentucky: Their (It's) Season Is Based on How Ryan Harrow Plays.

I won't identify the site because its offerings are awful. Editors and writers should have to explain themselves to a college journalism class.

### GIMME SOME ATTENTION!

Rick Neuheisel is a Pac-12 football analyst these days. Last week, the ex-UCLA coach called into question "SEC Dominance," telling the Los Angeles Daily News, "You wonder how the SEC became so powerful? It's a direct correlation to how ESPN has been talking them up over the years, because they have a financial interest in them. So all the sudden, it's a monster conference."

The remark got Neuheisel noticed, but his was a lame effort to use perception-becomes-reality principle.

If Neuheisel had done his research he would know CBS is paying more than a billion dollars to air SEC games because SEC teams have won the last six national championships.

A Daily News reporter concluded "Neuheisel's television career will fizzle out almost as quickly as his tenure with the Bruins."

And so it goes.

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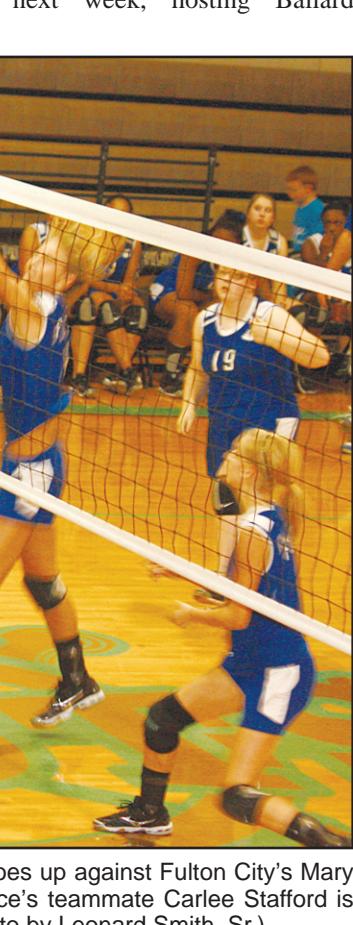
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**ALL EYES ON THE BALL** - Lady Pilot Vicious Pierce (at the net) goes up against Fulton City's Mary Kathryn Miller in varsity volleyball action on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Pierce's teammate Carlee Stafford is ready to assist. Fulton City took the match in three straight sets. (

## Fulton County Pilots run the ball well against Reidland, lose by three 18-21

Charlotte Smith

**Editor**

Sometimes facing a team twice in a span of a couple of weeks can be a not so good thing. For the Fulton County Pilots who first played Reidland at home on Friday, Aug. 17, losing 0-23, faced them again on the road on Thursday, Aug.

30, with a much better result.

Even though they didn't come out on top, a lot of good things happened in the three-point defeat, 18-21. Lakarian Johnson, a senior, who adds another dimension to the Pilots offense, returned to the team for the first time this season and seems to give them a little spark.

Reidland scored first in the Thursday night game, moved from Friday because of impending weather from Hurricane Isaac. The Pilots answered with runs by Octavious Smith and Johnson to gain a first down. Johnson tacked on a few more yards and the Pilots were in business at the Reidland 25-yard line. With 5:54 to go in the quarter the Pilots were knocking on the doorstep of the Greyhounds.

Damontrell Pierce, who used his speed last week to score three touchdowns, fought his way to the six-yard line, but was stopped for a loss on the next play. On third and fifteen Quarterback Damian Roach gained four yards back, bringing up 4th down and 11.

Looking to score, Roach threw a pass near the end zone, which was picked off by a Reidland player who ran it back to the 29 yard line with 3:01 left in the quarter, squashing the Pilots scoring opportunity.

Matthew Bodon ran down the Greyhound ball carrier after a big run to the Pilot 21-yard line, keeping him from scoring. The Pilots would jump off sides giving the Greyhounds five more yards. A big stop would keep them from gaining any yardage on the next play.

On 3rd and two the Greyhounds would run it up the middle, moving the chains for a 1st down with 4:9 seconds left in the opening quarter.

With 12 seconds knocked off the clock in the second quarter the Greyhounds would score. The extra point would be blocked keeping the score at 0-13.

Pierce would take the kick off at the Pilot 10 yard line and would scamper through the defense with help from blockers to the 30-yard line. Carries by Pierce and Johnson would gain minimal yardage, forcing the Pilots to punt with 10 minutes left in the half.

Aaron Allen's punt would be a dandy one rolling all the way to the Greyhound 29-yard line.

The Greyhounds came out throwing to start the drive and earn a first down moving the markers to the 45-yard line.

Pilot Mike McClerkin

would make a tackle after a big Greyhound run, stopping him at the 25-yard line. The Pilot defense would continue to tighten up keeping the Greyhounds from gaining yardage on the next play and then Ricky Bagley would tackle the ball carrier in the backfield for a loss, bringing up third and 15.

With 7:49 to go in the half, the Pilots would pick up a Greyhound fumble giving them a chance to score. After a run for a loss, Johnson would power his way to the 46-yard line for a Pilot first down.

Picking up four more yards by another Johnson carry, the Pilots would try another running play on second and six, losing four yards. With 4:55 to go in the half, Coach Deatrick Kinney and company would decide to go for it on fourth and four handing the ball to Johnson. They were unsuccessful and turned the ball over on downs.

The Greyhounds, starting from the 40-yard line, would gain big yardage to the two yard line after the Pilots defense missed on a couple of tackles. A

horse collar penalty would bring up first and goal from inside the two with 4:06 left in the half.

The Pilots defense would hold on the next play, but couldn't do it again and the Greyhounds were now on top 0-21 after converting on a two-point conversion attempt.

The Pilots recovered a Greyhound onside kick at the Greyhound 36 yard line with three minutes to go in the half. A Pierce run would move the chains to the 13-yard line. He would pick up four more yards on a play to the right side. A run up the middle by Johnson would get the Pilots close to the goal line, now on the four bringing up 3rd and one.

Looking to not be shut out in the first half, the Pilots would call a quarterback keeper and Roach would run to his left and cross the goal line with 1:28 before the end of the half. Allen's kick was no good, but the Pilots were on the board.

The Pilot defense worked harder during the remainder of the half with a stop for a loss by David Polk and Johnson. Then on 2nd and 14 Polk would pick up

a Greyhound fumble, giving the Pilots another chance to score, with the ball on the Greyhound 44-yard line.

Runs by Roach and Pierce would move the ball and the chains, but time would run out before they could cross the goal line, keeping the score at 6-21 at half time.

The Pilots forced the Greyhounds to punt on their opening drive in the second half with Allen almost picking off a Greyhound pass.

With 8:18 to go in the third quarter the Pilots would gain a first down on another quarterback keeper at the 48-yard line. Carries by Pierce and Smith would keep the Greyhounds guessing, but a fumble by Roach would give the ball back to the boys in red.

Johnson and #34 make key tackles forcing the Greyhounds to punt. The kick goes out of bounds and the Pilots take over on the 45-yard line.

Runs from Pierce and Johnson would move the sticks to the 18-yard line with 3:05 to go in the quarter. With blockers like Smith and JaMaal Crumble helping, Pierce and Johnson would keep the ball moving bringing up first and goal with 2:00 left in the quarter. Smith would gain his first rushing touchdown of the season on the next play. The two-point conversion was no good and the Pilots edged closer to the Greyhounds, 12-21, with one quarter left to play.

The Pilots defense would keep the Greyhounds scoreless in the final quarter while the offense scored yet again on a run by Roach for his second touchdown of the night, pulling them within three. Time would expire before the Pilots could score again and their amazing effort would result in the three-point loss. Lots of successes were to be celebrated on Thursday night, giving the Pilots the determination to go to Heath on Friday, Sept. 7 ready to earn a victory. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



**WRAPPING HIM UP** - A Fulton County Jr. Pilot football player gets ready to take down a Hillcrest Cougar at Sanger Field on Thursday, Aug. 30. (Photo by Leonard Smith, Sr.)



**DOUBLE TEAM** - Jr. Pilot players NaTaven Bransford (left) and (right) Taylor Sipes take down this Hillcrest Cougar ball carrier on Thursday, Aug. 30 at Sanger Field. The young Jr. Pilots suffered the loss 47-6. (Photo by Leonard Smith, Sr.)



**ON THE MOVE** - Fulton County Pilot Octavious Smith is on the move shaking off a Greyhound defender. Smith scored a rushing touchdown on Thursday night at Reidland. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



**RUNNING DOWN FIELD** - Damontrell Pierce, the ball carrier for the Fulton County Pilots runs behind his blocker Lakarian Johnson during football action at Reidland on Thursday, Aug. 30. The Pilots were down by three touchdowns, scoring three unanswered td's of their own, falling three points short of the victory, 18-21. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



**CHEER ON** - The Fulton County Middle School Cheerleaders performed for their home crowd on Thursday, Aug. 30 at Sanger Field during a break in action. The Fulton County Jr. Pilots hosted the Hillcrest Cougars. (Photo by Leonard Smith, Sr.)

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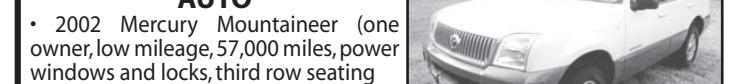
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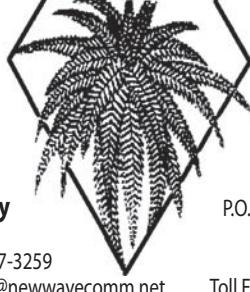
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## Obituaries

## James R. "Bobby" Buckingham

James R. "Bobby" Buckingham, 78, a resident of Fulton, Ky., died August 29, 2012, in the emergency room at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield, Ky.

Born June 10, 1934, in Fulton, he was the son of the late Gordon and Louise Binford Buckingham. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Fulton, a U.S. army veteran, retired switchman for the IC Railroad, was a part-time policeman and volunteer firefighter for the City of Fulton. He had lived in this area all of his life.

Survivors include two daughters, Kelly (Mike) Cash of Fulton, and Becky (Chris) Hollingsworth of South Fulton, Tenn.; one son, James R. (Chris)



Buckingham II of Fulton; six grandchildren, David Rose of Dukedom, Tenn., Sam Rose, and McCall Buckingham, both of Fulton, Ben Green of Clinton, Ky., and Allie and Aaron Hollingsworth, both of South Fulton; and one brother, Butch Buckingham of Crutchfield, Ky.

His wife, Anne Buckingham, and one sister, Betty Gordon Buckingham, preceded him in death.

Graveside services were held August 31, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Keith Long officiating.

Hornbeak Funeral Chapel of Fulton was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to Relay For Life, c/o Hornbeak Funeral Chapel Inc., 302 Carr Street, Fulton, KY 42041

## Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, Aug. 26 – Saturday, Sept. 1:

Sunday, Aug. 26:

• Responded to a disturbance on Johnson Lane.

• Responded to a call on Union City Hwy.

Monday, Aug. 27:

• Responded to a residential alarm on Broadway St.

• Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.

• Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.

• Traffic stop on Myron Cory Dr.

• Responded to a juvenile complaint at Davis Park.

Tuesday, Aug. 28:

• Took a complaint of harassment.

• Responded to an animal complaint on Troy Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 29:

• Traffic stop on Cottonwood – Matthew Stanfield issued multiple citations.

• Responded to a call on Bernal Ave.

• Responded to a call at Davis Park.

Thursday, Aug. 30:

• Took a report for theft by unlawful taking.

Friday, Aug. 31:

• Responded to a disturbance on Nelson St.

• Traffic stop on 7th St. – Cody Richmond issued multiple citations.

• Responded to a call on Brooklyn St. – report taken for theft.

• Traffic stop on 7th St. – Howard Howell arrested on multiple charges.

• Responded to a disturbance on E Magnolia St. – Waudell Browning and Karen Thomas both arrested.

Saturday, Sept. 1:

• Responded to a call on Myron Cory Dr.

• Traffic stop on 5th St.

## Fulton County Sheriff's News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Thursday, Aug. 30 – Saturday, Sept. 1:

Thursday, Aug. 30:

• Joshua W. Rector of Nicholasville, Ky., white male, arrested, receiving stolen property, fraud use of credit card after reported lost/stolen under \$500 with six months (Jessamine County arrest warrants).

• Savanna P. Harris of Hickman, Ky., white female, arrested, burglary 2nd degree, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia – buy/possess.

• Richard L. McClure of Hickman, white male, arrested, burglary 2nd degree, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia – buy/possess.

• Richard L. McClure of Hickman, white male, arrested, fugitive (warrant not required) (Obion Co., Tenn.)

Friday, Aug. 31:

• Timothy L. Slaughter of Fulton, Ky., white male, arrested, bench warrant failure to appear (Circuit), bench warrant failure to appear 9 counts (District, bail jumping 2nd, possession of firearm by convicted felon 7 counts).

• Donna J. Crowell of McEwen, Tenn., white female, citation, speeding 71/55 mph, failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st.

• Jeri N. Hayes of Mayfield, Ky., black female, citation, speeding 84/55 mph.

Saturday, Sept. 1:

• Joanne Erickson of West Chicago, Ill., white female, citation, speeding 54/35 mph.

• Michael Cirkles of South Fulton, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 74/55 mph.

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Newly appointed board member Monroe Bellew was in attendance for the Tuesday evening meeting. Also in attendance were Lattus, Chairman Lynn Major, Gene McCollum, Mike Taylor, Lucas Goodman, John Wayne Davie with Billy "Bubba" Nelms absent.

The board voted to go into closed session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss a business proposal and property acquisition. The board returned from closed session at 9:06 p.m. with no action taken. The meeting was adjourned at this time. The next regular meeting of the Port board will be on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. on Catlett Street in Hickman.

## Tips lead to capture of felon Slaughter

(Fulton County, KY) At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, deputies from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) went to 719 State Route 45 in Fulton County, Ky., to serve warrants on Timothy L. Slaughter. Slaughter has a history of fleeing from authorities and has been a fugitive in Fulton County since January 12, 2012, when he failed to show up for sentencing in Fulton County Circuit Court.

Deputies, acting on a tip, went to the residence and set up surveillance to confirm the subject was there; after a brief period Slaughter came outside to smoke. Once the subject went back inside deputies surrounded the residence. After entry was made, a thorough search was conducted, Slaughter was found hiding between some mattresses. He was taken into custody on the outstanding warrants and new charges were filed.

Arrested at the scene was Timothy Slaughter, a white male, DOB – 07/26/1978. Slaughter was charged with the following: Failure to appear for sentencing in the Fulton County Circuit Court for fleeing and evading police, 2nd degree; Manufacturing Methamphetamine, 1st

offense; Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine); and Persistent Felony Offender. He was also served with (8) counts of Theft by Deception (cold checks). Subject now faces additional charges in Fulton County for Possession of Firearms (7) by Convicted Felon; (7) firearms were seized at the residence. A warrant out of Graves County, Ky., was served for bail jumping.

Again the FCSO appreciates all the tips that they receive on any criminal activity. All tips remain completely confidential.



Timothy L. Slaughter

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## Riverport

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## Bluff Briefs

## Computers available for public use

West Kentucky Allied Services now has a computer for the public to use. The computer can be used to apply for jobs, look for jobs, apply for school, school loans, or grants. It is free to the public. For more information about using the computer, you can call Jenny Rushing at 472-0002 or stop by the office at 201 N. Highland Drive in Fulton.

## American Legion raffling off Rifle

The American Legion is raffling off a .22 Henry Rifle. It shoots shorts, long and long rifle. Must be 21 to win and have never committed a felony. Tickets are \$5 each. Rifle will be given away at the Pecan Festival on Saturday, Sept. 15. See any American Legion member for purchase tickets.

## Miss and Mr. Banana Festival Pageants to be held

The Miss and Mr. Banana Festival pageants will be held Sept. 23, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Fulton High School, Stephen Beale Drive in Fulton. Applications may be obtained online at [www.thebananafestival.com](http://www.thebananafestival.com), or may be picked up at The Fulton Leader Office, 304 East State Line, Fulton, the Fulton Tourism Commission Office at 313 Carr St. or Whitley and Associates, 309 Carr St., Fulton. The event is open to boys, ages 0-12 months; 13-23 months; 2-3 year olds and 4-6 years old. Girls divisions include ages 0-12 months; 13-23 months; 2-3 year olds; 4-6 year olds; 7-9 year olds; 10-12 year olds; ages 13-15 and ages 16-19. Entry fee is \$25 with an additional fee of \$10 for Best Dressed category. No entries will be accepted at the door. Admission for the pageant is \$2 per person. Checks may be made payable to the Fulton Tourism Commission.

## Fulton County Transit longer offering Saturday service

Fulton County Transit will no longer be offering Saturday Demand Response Service Effective October 1, 2012. We regret stopping this service but due to having to make budget reductions this is a cost saving measure. If you have any questions please call 270-472-0662.

## Fulton County Senior Citizens Banana Festival Fundraiser

The Fulton County Senior Citizens will be holding its second annual Banana Festival 2 day Fundraiser, September 28, 12:00 – 9:00 and September 29, 10:00 – 9:00. Inside concessions, clean, air conditioned environment and clean bathrooms. We want to thank you, the community, for your support in the past and look forward to seeing you again this year. On the menu: Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chilidogs, chips, drinks, nachos and cheese, funnel cakes, cheesecake on a stick and much more.

## Second Annual Taste of the Holidays

Fulton County Senior Citizens will be presenting their second Annual Taste of the Holidays - Fulton County on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Fulton County Senior Citizens building, 1404 Liberty Street, Hickman, Kentucky. We will have delicious food tasting and lots and lots of door prizes. This year the Senior Center will be making Christmas crafts as part of their fundraising. You just might be able to find that special gift that you have been looking for. Come and do your Christmas shopping with us. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Ticket Holder will receive a cookbook of all the recipes for the night and a bag full of goodies. Tickets are available at the Hickman Senior Center or at the Fulton Senior Center. Come on out and kick off the Christmas season with us and enjoy an evening of taste testing, door prizes, shopping and great fellowship. We are looking for individuals who are willing to submit recipes and make a dish for that evening. Call 236-2826 or 472-2900 for more information.

## State Senator candidate to be at Hickman Senior Center

Judge/Executive Stan Humphries, candidate for State Senator from the First District will be at the Fulton County Senior Citizens Building in Hickman on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. All senior citizens are urged to come to meet and greet and questions.

## Jacob Flournoy Chapter to meet

The Jacob Flournoy Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet September 13, 10 a.m., at the Dixie Gun Works in Union City, Tenn. Following the tour of the museum, a Dutch treat lunch will be at Ryan's Restaurant, at 11 a.m. Betty Dunn will be the guest speaker. Mary Whayne Miles will serve as hostess. A brief memorial service will be held in the memory of Margaret Adams.

## Cayce Baptist to have Homecoming and Revival

Homecoming at Cayce Baptist Church will be held Sunday, Sept. 9, with speaker Chuck Everett. A meal will follow the service. "The Gospel Four" will be singing starting at 1:30 p.m.

Revival services will be September 12, 13, and 14. Speakers will be: Wednesday - Chad Parker; Thursday - Dustin Cunningham; and Friday - Davis Dixon. Services will start at 7:00 p.m. nightly.



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## Fulton County Paranormal Investigators look to "debunk" unexplained happenings

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

After experiencing things of the paranormal nature Leslie Woods and Teresa Cranick, along with Joy Johnson, Carmen Henderson, Jim Henderson, and McCall Buckingham, formed the group Fulton County Paranormal Investigations (FCPI) in 2008. Woods and Craddock shared some of their experiences and knowledge about "things that have happened in the lives of others that can't be explained or have no reasonable explanation for what happened with members of the Hickman Rotary Club on Thursday, Aug. 30.

"Yes we get laughed at," said Woods. "I laugh at myself quite a lot, to be honest with you and not just because I believe in ghosts." Believing in ghosts doesn't mean that Woods, Craddock and the other members of their group believe everything is related to paranormal activity. "We look to 'debunk' the claim of our client," she added. "Most of the time we do, but that one to three percent of the time is what fascinates us and sometimes has us scratching our heads," she added, "saying 'What's going on?'"

FCPI have traveled in and around western Kentucky during the last three years visiting various historical sites in the area including Octagon Hall in Franklin, Kentucky, which is a civil war museum. "It was used as a hospital during the civil war," Woods informed the group. "We have also been to Columbus-Belmont State Park and the hospital (Iron Banks Hotel), in Columbus, Ky.

"For the last three years we have had the rights to the Hotel Metropolitan in Paducah," continued Woods. "If you ever get a chance go visit this place. It is an awesome place. They have completely refinished it; it's very nice."

The group has also been all over Hickman and has traveled to Dresden, Newbern and Dyersburg, Tenn. while on location performing investigations. "We have been to so many places," she said. "I can't even name them all."

"Many from our group work every day jobs," she explained. Each member of the group has a specific job, as well, when working with FCPI. Teresa is the historian. "Her job is very important," stated Woods. "She goes out and does all the research on a place we are about to investigate." She researches the background of the house, the land, what happened around that area, around the time the house was built. Including information on people, places, anything that would help us explain what the client is experiencing."

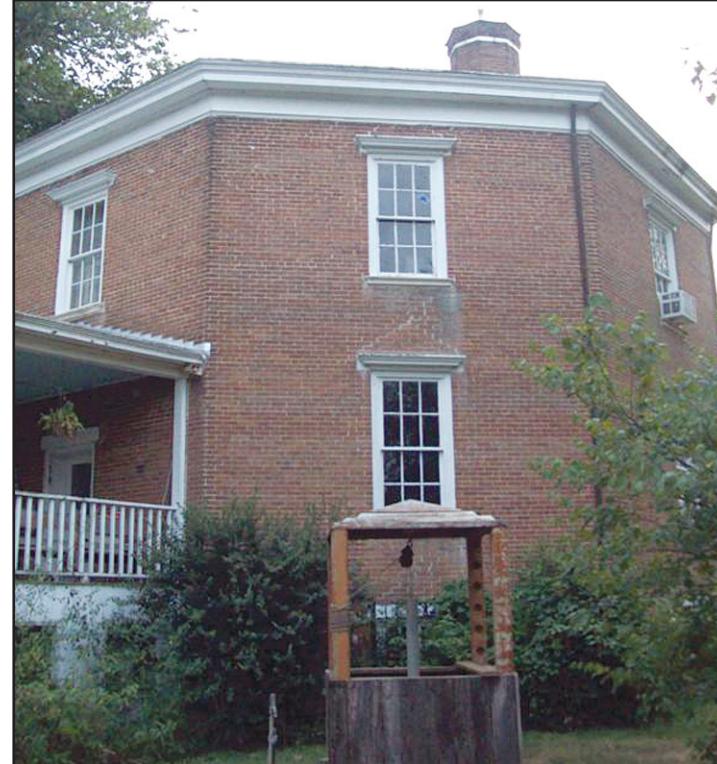
"We are now officially a ghost adventures family member, meaning we investigate under ghosts adventures, which is on the travel channel," continued Woods. They have been with them for a year and a half now.

Woods was asked about animals as spirits or being involved in a case. She did note that they have investigated some animal hauntings; with cats, dogs, birds and horses being the most common animals seen. She explained that is believed that animals do not have souls. "They are going to be a residual haunting, which means it is a playback," Woods said. "It is going to happen at the same time, every day; everything exactly the same." Residual meaning a playback at the same time every day over and over, like hitting rewind on a vcr.

They had a case were they said a cat was coming back. "During our investigation we caught a cat meowing, with no other animals in the house, we heard a cat meowing."

She personally has not seen an animal, but Cranick mentioned a dog sighting at the Hotel Metropolitan. "We did catch a dog barking in the hotel and later found out from Ms. Betty who runs and curates the hotel that Ms. Maggie the owner of the hotel actually had a black dog that would run around the hotel at all hours," explained Craddock and Woods. A photo of the dog was found.

They catch sounds like cats meowing and dogs barking with digital voice recorders (dvr). Equipment like the dvrs are all purchased by members of the FCPI and the equipment can be expensive, but is a necessary part of their investigation. "They (dvrs) are very sensitive," said Woods. "They will pick up just about any type of sounds." During an investigation, they document all sounds they hear during their time on location. If they hear a car go by, they write it down. The dvrs they use can



**OCTAGON HALL** - Octagon Hall, built in 1847, is one of the places Fulton County Paranormal Investigators have investigated. (Photo submitted.)



**INVESTIGATED** - This location was also investigated by Fulton County Paranormal Investigators. It is a basement where a child was burned to death by the fireplace. (Photo submitted.)

pick up sounds from two or three rooms over, so documentation of everything heard while doing the investigation is a must.

They use approximately 10 recorders during an investigation, placing them in various locations throughout the house in different places. They set up a command center and have people who watch the infrared cameras, while noting anything that is going on in the house, while documenting who is in the house and what they are doing.

When a group goes into a location during our investigation we all carry a dvr.

Other equipment includes a non-contact thermometer (it shoots an infrared laser beam on whatever you are pointing it at to give you a reading). You can get a baseline reading letting you know if the temperature is dropping in the room. EMF (electromagnetic fields) detectors are another tool utilized by the group, with three different kinds in their possession. One can be set up with lights so they can set it somewhere and watch and wait. "It is believed that spirits can put off an electromagnetic field to trigger these items," said Woods.

Sensors are set up throughout the location, being the first thing they do, to calculate readings throughout the entire house; allowing them to get a baseline magnetic reading.

"If a client says, 'Something happens in the center of this room, all the time, such as they get sick or they don't feel right,' we will take a reading with the sensor to see what it is," stated Woods. "For example, if it spikes in the center of the room at different times with no baseline reading at the start, then you might run some other tests to see if there could be a possible spirit present or you could need to call in an electrician to check things out with wiring."

Different kinds of camera, including regular camcorders and eight infrared cameras and two dvrs are part of the group's equipment. One piece of equipment is a high definition full spectrum camera that takes photographs in colors with different hues so you can see the heat wave texture to it. They also have a night vision camcorder. "They are making them more adaptable for our type of investigations," noted Woods.

It usually takes them about two or three weeks to get back

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at the Hickman Fire Dept.,  
starting at 4:30 p.m. The  
auction will end at 6:30 p.m.

**Please come support  
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**BIG CHIP** - Pilot golfer Ryne Choate draws dust from the ground, as he hits this chip shot toward the flag. The Pilots played against Hickman County and Ballard Memorial at Oak Hill Country Club. Watching Choate from the green is Ballard's Steven McGowan. (Photo by Charles Choate.)



**SCRAMBLE TEE** - Two teams captured the Labor Day Scramble held Monday at the Hickman Country Club. The team (left) of Tony Bell, Lisa Bell, Laura Martin, Jamie Martin and Jordan Martin tied for 12-under-par with the team of (right) Walter Shumate, Ryne Choate, Johnny Adcock and Bill Rogers. Fifty-three golfers played in the 18-hole tournament. (Photo by Charles Choate.)

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Union City residents, Frank and JoAnn Tucker, with their grandchildren, Benjamin, Allie and Nolan. JoAnn has had a HeartScore test and encourages others to call Baptist to learn more.

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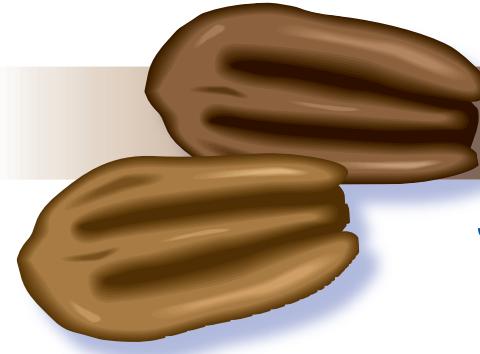
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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Sponsored by the Hickman Recreation and Tourism Commission**



**SATURDAY,  
SEPT. 8TH**

**“Community Wide  
Yard Sale”**

Get out your tables, clean out the closets and set up a Pecan Festival yard sale at your home or business. Many people will travel the streets of Hickman looking for those special deals. Tell us in advance and we will post on our Facebook page!

**Yard Sale Starts at 7:00**

**“River Rat Race - 5-K Run and  
Fun Walk”**

The Hickman Rotary Club is sponsoring the event, which will start at Fulton County High School and end at the Courthouse. Entry fee is \$15 with the first 30 applicants receiving a free race t-shirt. Entry can be made at Porter Insurance or on race day. Contact Penny Fleming for additional information.

**Entry and Registration 7:00**



**MARTY  
HAGGARD**

**“Photography Contest  
Turn-In”**

Today is the deadline to submit your photos for the photography contest at the Hickman Public Library. Turn in 4x6, 5x7, or 8x10 with each in a frame. (Frame will not be judged). Photos MUST be taken in Fulton County. Categories are people, flowers, landscape, best black and white, and best photo by a student 17-under. A special ribbon will also be given in the category of “best barn shot” and overall “best of show”. Please place a card on the back of frame with name, phone number and category. **Entry is free.**

**MONDAY,  
SEPT. 10TH**

**“Pecan Festival Prayer and  
Veterans Ceremony”**

Community members are encour-

aged to come to the Veterans Monument at Hickman City Cemetery, for a moment of prayer for the Festival, city, schools and military. A ceremony will also be held in honor of all who have served, or continue to serve, in the different branches of Armed Forces.

**Veterans Monument  
City Cemetery – 9:00**

**“Fun at the Bluff”**

Come to a beautiful location in the City of Hickman, as we join for an afternoon and evening of activities. Starting at 4:30, “Smokey the Bear” will make an appearance at the Hickman Fire Department, where he will meet with all children and show off the local fire trucks. All children will also be given a “fire hat” for their participation. At 5:15, a ceremony will take place next to the library, with a decorated bicycle, four-wheeler and wagon contest for children. Also, awards will be given for the “best dressed pet”. The night will be highlighted with a professional wrestling match called “Battle at the Bluff”. HRTCC members will be cooking food, so bring your lawn chairs and get ready for fun. You do not want to miss this!!!

**Hickman Bluff Public  
Library**

**TUESDAY,  
SEPT. 11TH**

**“Supper and  
Bingo Night”**

This annual event always brings good food and fellowship at the Sacred Heart Catho-

lic Church in Hickman. Tell all of your friends and neighbors to come to the church for a special night of the Pecan Festival.

**Supper Starts at 4:30 Bingo  
Starts at 6:00**

**THURSDAY,  
SEPT. 13TH**

**“The Circus is  
Coming to Town”**

Get your tickets now to attend the “Carson and Barnes Circus” taking place at Sanger Field. Witness high-wire acts, circus clowns, juggling and many other exciting performances all under the “big top”. Shows will take place at 4:30 and 7:00. Advance tickets are available at Hickman City Hall, The Citizens Bank, Hickman Electric and The Hickman Courier. You don’t want to miss this super Pecan Festival event. See you there!!!

**Sanger Field  
Shows 4:30 & 7:00**

**“Carnival at the Park”**

Today is the first of three days of the “Great American Carnival” at Jeff Green Memorial Park. Come on over and enjoy the rides. Arm-

band specials will be available each day the carnival is in town. This is going to be fun!!!

**Jeff Green  
Memorial  
Park**

**FRIDAY,  
SEPT. 14TH**

**“Vendor,  
Music and  
Carnival Day”**

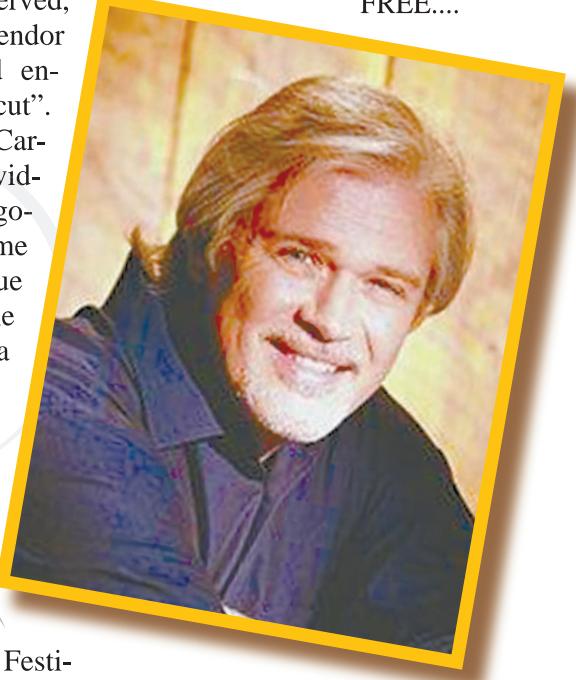
Today is the day vendors will be setting up at Jeff Green Memorial Park. Food will be served, with vendor

booths open and entertainment by “Bootcut”. The Great American Carnival will also be providing rides to festival goers in the park. Come on over, as we continue our celebration of the City of Hickman with a night at the park.

**Jeff Green  
Memorial Park**

**SATURDAY,  
SEPT. 15TH**

**Jeff Green  
Memorial Park**



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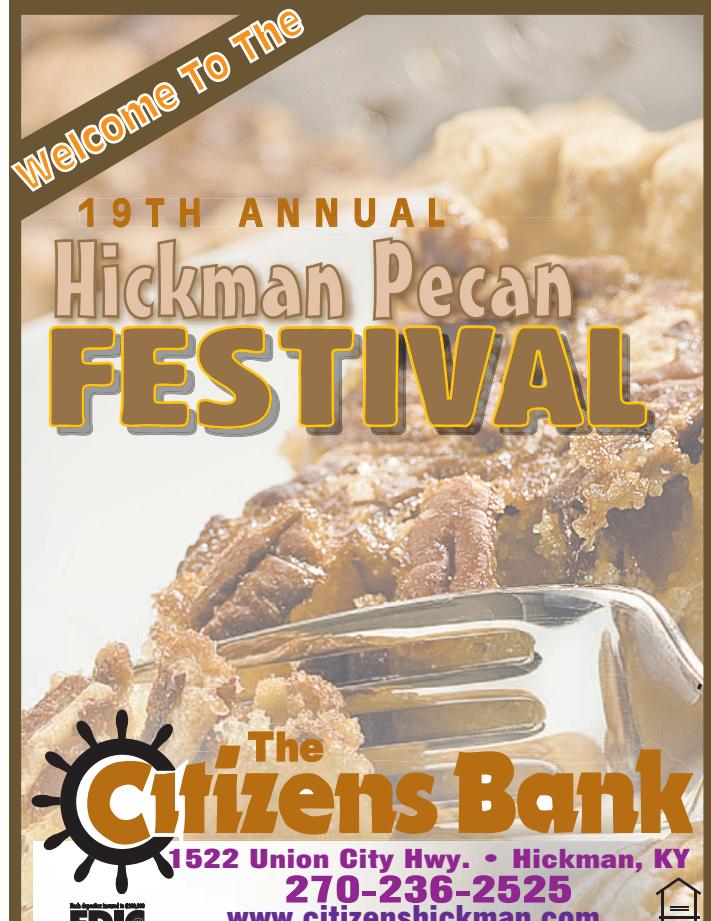
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**KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 1976-1977** - Mrs. Nelda Morgan (on left, standing) is pictured with her 1976-1977 Fulton County Elementary Kindergarten class, which includes the following: (front row, l to r) Wendy Parks, Jennifer Pursell, Sherri Harrison, Patrick McClain, LeAnne Bennett, Chrystal Wilkins, and Renee Amberg; and (back row, l to r) Dionne Everett, Gannon Garrigus, ??, Julie Abernathy, Carmel Atwill, Amy Burkeen, Ginger George, and Mindy Alexander. (Photo submitted.)

## Kindergarten

steps, as students in Mrs. Morgan's class, were two of her three younger sisters Amelia and Allie. "They had her, too."

Gone are the days when kindergartners came a half-day or split their day with another class, but Mrs. Morgan has remained a constant in Fulton County, still leaving an impact on the lives of children. "Some students alternated days," explained Mrs. Morgan. "One class would come on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until Christmas, and the others would come on Tuesdays

and Thursdays; then they would switch after the break."

Even though the state only funds the district for a half day of kindergarten, funding is found each year to provide Fulton County students with an all-day program. Jackson Major, Mindy's third child, is now a kindergarten student in Mrs. Morgan's class. He is reaping the benefits of the all-day program and Mrs. Morgan's expertise, which has now spanned four decades.

Dixie and Daisy Major, Mindy's daughters, also began their

school careers at Fulton County Elementary School spending their kindergarten days with Mrs. Morgan.

"I think it is so neat that all three of my children have the privilege of learning from Mrs. Morgan," stated Mindy. "When she came to do Jackson's home visit, she made the comment that she loves the new things they come up with each year to teach children and that made me excited for Jackson."

Mrs. Morgan, who believes in a structured atmosphere in her

classroom, sometimes looks back and wishes she had some of the new things she has now back when she first started teaching. "Just think what the kids, like Dixie and Daisy, and even Mindy would have learned if I had what I have now to teach Jackson," she said. "The new technology that we have is amazing. Through the Internet and things like YouTube, we bring the world to the students of Hickman and Fulton County. Through Project Child, which began in 2003, kindergarten students now spend time learning on the computer."

"I just love this age," commented Mrs. Morgan. "During this time we are building a special bond between the school and family. Five is a magical age."

**The Burn Ban was lifted in Fulton County by Judge/Executive David Gallagher.**



**LEARNING ABOUT LIFE ON THE FARM** - (Above) Fulton County Extension Agent Cam Kenimer (right) speaks to juniors from Fulton County, Fulton City and Hickman County during Farm Demonstration Day on Friday, Aug. 24. **FARMING** - (At right) A UK Extension Agent discusses farming with Fulton County students during Farm Demonstration Day on Friday, Aug. 24 at Garrigan Farms. The event was sponsored by UK Extension Service, Fulton Co. Soil Conservation Service, Fulton Co. Farm Bureau and Fulton Co. Young Farmers. Participants and presenters included Tyson, Tosh Farms, River Valley Ag Credit, Fulton Co. Farm Bureau, and UK Extension Service.



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## Gannon's

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"We'll continue to buy what we can at Pierson's and Hickman Hardware. We will begin stocking often needed supplies. I can already see a lot of trips to Fulton and Union City. With the price of gas going up every few days, it is going to be tough."

"It's sad that Gannon's is closing," agreed Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher. "It has been a business landmark in the community for a long time. There is a real need for a hardware store in Hickman. Hopefully someone will fill that need. It could be a great business opportunity for someone."

"As soon as I learned of the Gannons' decision to close, I started asking around for someone to take it over," said Hickman Mayor David Lattus. "We really need to keep our small businesses going in Hickman. The Gannons have given a lot to this community over the years and their commitment to the town of Hickman has been an inspiration. They will definitely be missed."

"We wish the Gannons well and want them to know that we are going to miss them," Myatt said.

Mayor Lattus and City Manager Myatt have been in contact with Fulton County and Hickman County Economic Development Director Eddie Crittenden in hopes of locating someone who is interested in purchasing the up and running business. Crittenden was also saddened to hear about the closing of Gannon's.

The Gannons have worked hard over the years to build this business up and make it the success that it has been," commented Crittenden. "Small businesses like Gannon's make up the backbone of small town America and are very rarely appreciated until they are gone. Many times over the years you will see Chambers of Commerce promote "Buy Local and Shop At Home" campaigns designed to help grow those local small business and retail shops."

Crittenden, whose primary job is to promote the counties of Fulton and Hickman counties increasing economic growth, added the following, "These people are the ones who donate to the local schools, Relay for Life events, festivals and much more. These small businesses not only provide a resource for the weekend carpenter or tinkerer,"

they provide the foundation for a community, a town, a family of people working together to grow an economy."

Crittenden spoke with Myatt and Mayor Lattus last week about the potential closing and dire need of finding someone interested in continuing the legacy built by the Gannons. "For those interested, we are sponsoring a Small Business Seminar on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Pontotoc Center in Fulton," he said. "This will be for all small business owners or persons interested in starting a small business in Fulton and Hickman counties. We will have speakers from the Economic Development Cabinet in Frankfort, the Purchase Area Development District, Small Business Administration and Murray State Small Business Development Center on hand to tell people about the various programs out there that are designed to help small business owners." (See ad on page 8.)

As the Economic Development Director charged with the task of helping to create an environment for business and industry, Crittenden wishes the Gannons the best of luck as they start this new chapter in their life and offer a hand of thankfulness for the many years they have spent helping to grow the local economy in Hickman. For many years the Gannons were involved in the Downtown Merchants Association, Hickman Community Development Board and many other civic organizations as they ran their locally owned business.

In 1983 the Hickman River City Development Corporation was organized and Jack was one of the three members appointed to the board. "We were asked to help save the railroad," Jack noted in an article about Jack Gannon published in September 2011 in The Courier. "It could have been a shame for the railroad to close when IC abandoned it. Businesses like Great Lakes, now SGL, wouldn't have had any transportation. It was also around the time a lot of money was being spent on the port."

Between the Calls and Gannons the hardware stores has been here for over 75 years. When the Calls owned and operated the business, Margie ran it for a while when Loyd was serving in the war.

## WE'RE CLOSING OUR DOORS

It is with sad hearts that we are announcing the closing of Gannon's Hardware as of September 28, 2012. You have been valued friends and customers over the last 37 years. We wish we could be there to thank you personally, but it is impossible at the present time.

In the process of closing we are extending an opportunity for you to come in and purchase available in-store merchandise at a closeout price of a 25% discount.

**All sales during the closeout must be paid by cash, check, or credit card.**

**All sales will be final. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept any returns.**

**This offer will only be valid until September 28, 2012.**

**Thank You**

*Our heartfelt thanks go to Angie Branham and our grandson, John Wiley Gannon, for taking care of our store and customers during the time we have been away.*

*Again, we have loved serving you and being a part of the community and we will miss you greatly. Thank you so much for your friendship and patronage.*

*With kindest regards,  
Jack and Helen*